

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Examiner is also thanked for indicating that claims 8 and 9 contain allowable subject matter. The Office Action dated September 24, 2009 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 3, 4, and 6 are hereby amended. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-22 are currently pending, of which claims 19-22 are withdrawn from consideration. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to claim 6 for minor informalities. Applicants have amended claim 6 to correct the informalities. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to claim 6.

The Office Action rejects claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claim 3 to more clearly define claimed subject matter. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection of claim 3.

The Office Action rejects claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claim 4 to more clearly define claimed subject matter. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection of claim 4.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7 and 10-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over PCT Application Publication No. WO 2005/019277 (*WO '277*). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

WO '277 is a PCT publication published in Japanese on March 3, 2005, and does not have 35 U.S.C. §102(e)(1) date. *WO '277* was published March 3, 2005. The present application is a PCT national stage application of PCT/KR2005/002149, which claims priority to Korean Application No. KR 10-2004-0052612, filed July 7, 2004. Applicants submit a certified

English translation of KR 10-2004-0052612 with this paper to perfect the claim for priority. Because the effective filing date of the present application is July 7, 2004, which is earlier than publication date of *WO '277*, *WO '277* does not constitute valid prior art against the present application. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection of claims 1-7 and 10-18.

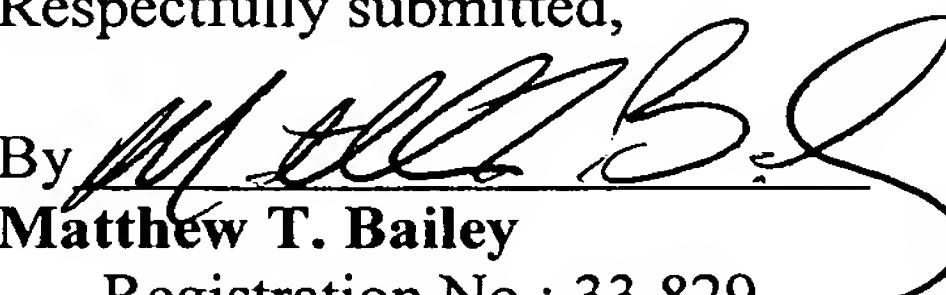
Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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